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**DETAILED ACTION**

The time period for seeking court review of the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered 3/31/2005 has expired and appellant has taken no further action.

The decision affirmed the rejections of claims 1-7, 9, 12-15, 18, 21, and 22.

The decision reversed the rejections of claims 8, 10, 11, 16 and 17.

Claims 8, 10, 11, 16 and 17 are now incomplete because the claims on which it depends from are effectively cancelled in accordance with MPEP 1214.06. Applicant is given ONE MONTH TIME LIMIT from the date of this letter in which to present claims 8, 10, 11, 16 and 17 in independent form. NO EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) WILL BE GRANTED. Failure to comply with this deadline will result in cancellation of claims 8, 10, 11, 16 and 17 and this application will be abandoned.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dung Dinh whose telephone number is (571) 272-3943. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenton Burgess can be reached at (571) 272-3949.

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